

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

May 7, 2020

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Driskell  
Alderman Olive  
Alderman Lanzotti  
Alderman Bryant

### ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry  
Police Chief Wheeler  
Deputy Chief Childers  
Fire Chief Adermann  
Alderman Budd

Owen Lasswell  
Tammy Rogers  
Traci Bentley

Chairman Driskell called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

### SELLING OF FIRE VEHICLES

Fire Chief Adermann advised the Committee the new engine should arrive by mid to late June. Chief Adermann would like to get the process started to bid out engine #4 along with the Jeep and jon boat.

### SAFER GRANT

Fire Chief Adermann informed the Committee that the Safer Grant is due by May 15, 2020 and is ready to be submitted. This grant includes 75% salary and benefits for two years for two Firefighters.

### JEEP REPLACEMENT

Foreign Fire has agreed to purchase a Jeep for the Taylorville Fire Department. The City may need to secure a loan for the vehicle but Foreign Fire would make the payments. The earliest a loan would be needed would be September.

### FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Calls for service- 122
- Assistant Chief Rogers has been participating in zoom classes with the schools.
- New hire starts May 18, 2020
- Chief Adermann has applied for the AFG-S Grant. If the grant is approved it would cover costs of personal protective equipment (PPE) incurred during the Covid crisis until May 15<sup>th</sup>. The City's share would be \$50.00.
- Chief Adermann is working on bringing training into Taylorville by holding training classes at Taylorville Fire Department. One class is already scheduled for December.
- Taylorville Fire Department is organizing a buy local give back event

### POLICE GRANT

Police Chief Wheeler informed the Committee that he is going to be applying for several grants.

### OVERTIME CHANGES

Police Chief Wheeler advised the Department is taking necessary steps to eliminate unneeded overtime.

### POLICE VEHICLE

Taylorville Police Department has been approved for a \$20,000.00 grant for the purchase of a police vehicle. This vehicle will be ready in a few weeks.

### COVID-19

Police Chief Wheeler advised all Officers are wearing masks while on duty and out of the police vehicle. All Officers have remained healthy.

## **12 HOUR SHIFTS**

Police Chief Wheeler advised 12 hour shifts will start May 12, 2020. This schedule is set to have four groups of Officers per shift.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS**

Police Chief Wheeler advised they are utilizing organizational charts to make the department run smoother. Officers will need to be inside the building at the beginning of each shift for roll call.

## **PROMOTIONAL EXAM**

Police Chief Wheeler advised the Committee that six Officers have signed up to take the Sergeants exam. The exam will be taken with a proctor present. After the exam will be an oral interview. Police Commission will then make a list, then the positions can be filled.

Deputy Chief Childers requested the Ordinance for Lieutenant to be changed as this is now going to be a union position and the number of years served is going to change from three years to six years. Also the number of years served for Sergeants will change from four years to three years. This will be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for review.

## **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Calls for service - 1389
- New hire academy start date has been moved to June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Online police reporting is going well.
- Sergeant Toberman will be appointed to Lieutenant once changes are made to the current Ordinance.
- Chief Wheeler had a 2013 Ford Focus from the Department outfitted and it is now ready for police use. This was paid by Asset Forfeiture.
- There are 14 cameras not in use that can be sold.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

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Kathy Driskell, Chairman  
Emergency Services Committee